

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

SHIRLEY COLLINS

v.

TRANS UNION, LLC, ET AL.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 14-6087

NOTICE

A **RULE 16 PRETRIAL CONFERENCE** will be held with Judge Gerald Austin McHugh on Monday, **March 30, 2015**, at **2:30 p.m.**, in Room 9613, United States Courthouse, 601 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. **Lead trial counsel is required to appear at the conference.** If trial counsel is on trial in another matter, an attorney in his or her office who is thoroughly familiar with this case is required to appear at the conference.

Attached is Judge McHugh's form Report of Rule 26(f) Meeting. After consultation with counsel for all parties, counsel shall complete, forward to Chambers, and file on ECF the required Report of the Rule 26(f) Meeting incorporating all the information described in Judge McHugh's form Report five (5) days before the Conference.

Judge McHugh expects that:

1. The parties shall make the required initial disclosures under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a) within 14 days of the date of this Order;
2. The parties shall commence discovery in advance of the conference; and
3. Documents identified pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a) shall be produced in advance of the Rule 16 Conference.

_____/s/ Patricia Clark
Civil Deputy to Judge McHugh
267-299-7301

Dated: March 2, 2015

FORM

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REPORT OF RULE 26(f) MEETING

In accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f), counsel for the parties conferred on (date) and submit the following report of their meeting for the court's consideration:

1. Discussion of Claims, Defenses and Relevant Issues

You should assume that the court has read the complaint and is familiar with the claims. However, the facts supporting those claims and defenses are unknown. Therefore, counsel shall set forth concisely the factual background that the parties contend support their claims and defenses.

Summarize your discussion of primary issues, threshold issues and those issues on which the parties will need to conduct discovery. Identify what information each party needs in discovery as well as when and why. Also indicate likely motions and their timing.

Judge McHugh considers a Rule 16 conference to be a case management conference, not merely a scheduling conference.

2. Informal Disclosures

State the parties' agreement on timing, form and scope of informal disclosures. Specifically identify not only the information listed in Rule 26(a)(1), but any additional information the parties agree to disclose informally.

Keep in mind that self-executing discovery must not be delayed until the pretrial conference. If the parties have not made the Rule 26(a) initial disclosures within the time required by the Court's Order scheduling the pretrial conference, they should explain why not.

3. Formal Discovery

Indicate nature, sequence and timing of formal discovery, as well as any need to conduct discovery in phases to prepare for the filing of motions or for settlement discussions. Specifically delineate what discovery will be conducted formally.

The discovery deadline should normally be no more than 120 - 150 days from the date of the Rule 16 pretrial conference. If the parties believe there are compelling reasons for a longer period of discovery, state them.

The parties are expected to address procedures to preserve electronically stored information, to avoid inadvertent privilege waivers, and to determine the form in which electronic information will be produced. The cost of producing the information must be discussed.

4. Electronic Discovery

It is expected that the parties will reach an agreement on how to conduct electronic discovery. In the event the parties cannot reach such an agreement before the Rule 16 scheduling conference, the court will enter an order incorporating default standards. The default order can be viewed at www.paed.uscourts.gov.

The parties shall discuss the parameters of their anticipated e-discovery at the Rule 26(f) conference and shall be prepared to address e-discovery at the Rule 16 scheduling conference with the court.

5. Expert Witness Disclosures

Indicate agreement on timing and sequence of disclosure of the identity and anticipated testimony of expert witnesses, including whether depositions of experts will be needed.

6. Early Settlement or Resolution

The parties should review Local Rule 53.3 before responding. Set forth the parties' discussion about early resolution through ADR, motion or otherwise explain what steps were taken by counsel to advise the client of alternative dispute resolution options. Explain any decision not to seek early resolution and what mediation options the parties may consider and when mediation would be appropriate.

7. Trial date

If a date certain is requested, state the reasons.

8. Length of Trial

State the anticipated length of the trial of this matter.

9. Other Matters

Indicate discussion and any agreement on matters not addressed above.

(Attorney Signature)

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